A True Relation OF THE VICTORY AND Happy Succeſs of a Squadron of His MAJESTIES *FLEET* In the *Mediterranean*, Againſt the PYRATES of *ALGIERS*:

Taken as well out of Letters from Sir *Thomas Allen*, His Majeſties Admiral in thoſe Seas, and from Sir *Wil. Godolphin*, His Majeſties Envoye Extraordinary to the Court of *Spain*: as alſo from a Relation made by the Heer *Van Ghent*, the Admiral of the *Dutch* Fleet, who aſſiſted in that Action.

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ON the 12*th* of *Auguſt*, Sir *Thomas Allen* being to the Weſtwards of *Cape Spartel*, met with the Heer *Van Ghent*, Admiral of the *Dutch* Fleet, with four Men of War, who came on board Sir *Thomas*, with ſome of his Commanders; and having together conſidered of the likelieſt courſe to intercept the *Turks* upon their return home, which by the time they had been abroad, it was ſuppoſed they muſt in a few dayes endeavour to make; It was agreed, that *Van Ghent* lying off Cape *Spartel*, where Sir *Thomas Allen* had left a Squadron under the Command of Captain *Beach*, Sir *Thomas*

ſhould with another Squadron keep the mouth of the *Streights* between *Gibralter* and *Ceuta*, and if either from the Eaſt or Weſt they happened to have any Chaces through the *Gut*, they ſhould give notice to each other by firing Guns.

In purſuance of this Reſolution Sir *Thomas Allen* came the 13*th* at night to *Gibralter*, where he hogged, waſhed, and tallowed his Ships, and the 15*th* went to *Tituan*.

The Dutch Admiral *Van Ghent*, about the ſame time ſtanding towards *Cape Spartel*, diſcovered Five Sail of His Majeſties Ships coming from the South, which paſſed without haleing him. The twenty fourth the Dutch Ships keeping their courſe to Sea with a S. S. W. Wind, met with Six *Algerines*, which are ſaid to have been out as far as the Northern Cape, and two of them even in the Engliſh Channel, but with no better ſucceſs, then the taking onely of one Engliſh ſhip laden with ſome Bails of Cloath, and were now retnrning homewards for *Algiers*: of theſe, two were firſt diſcovered to the Southwards, and afterwards to N. W. the other four. The Dutch kept their courſe by the Wind,

Wind, with a ſmall Sail, and putting out a White Flag, the *Algerines* came up with full ſails upon them, till diſcovering the Hulls of their Ships, they preſently tacked, and made all the ſail they could, and took divers Courſes; the Dutch followed them, and came ſo cloſe to them, that Captain *Verſchuer*, and *Thomas Tobias*, who were then the foremoſt in the purſuit, had fight of them the whole night.

The twenty fifth, in the morning, the weather proving dark and rainy, the Wind W. N. W. but ſtill, and changing, the Dutch kept their courſe as before, ſtill chacing them, and kept them the whole day in ſight, the before mentioned Captains coming up ſo cloſe to them, that they made ſeveral ſhot at them, but without any effect: About two hours after Sun-ſet, the *Turks* tacked, thinking to get away in the dark, but finding that the Dutch tacked with them, they turned again to the Weſt, the Wind S. W. but changing: By this time Captain *Verſchuer* was got to the Windward of them, and kept them the whole night in fight.

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The twenty ſixth in the morning, the Wind S. S. W. rainy weather, and little Wind, it appeared, that the Dutch had got very much upon the enemy, Captain *Verſchuer* was ſtill to the Windward of them, as was Cap. *Tobias* to ſome of them. About eight it blew a freſh gale out of the North, which brought them ſo near, that theſe two Captains made ſeveral ſhot at them; they then ſeemed as if they would have turned and engaged, and the Admiral, Vice-Admiral, and Rere-Admiral put abroad their Flags; but ſeeing the Dutch coming fiercely upon them, they betook themſelves again to their heels, and ran right before the Wind ſeveral Courſes, but the Dutch were then ſo near, eſpecially Captain *Verſchuer*, that he plied them all the time with his great Guns, and in this manner followed them the whole night.

The twenty ſeventh in the morning, it blew a freſh gale from the Weſt, the *Turks* held their Courſe Eaſtwards, and endeavored to get into the narrow, when the Dutch Ships were come up ſo cloſe with them, that the Admiral made ready his lower Tyre of Guns to ſalute them with, but finding that they

they would ſcarcely do any execution at that diſtance, but rather hinder his ſailing, he ſhot onely five Guns, and continued the Chace with all the ſail he could. Captain *Tobias*, though he did his endeavor, was in the night got behinde, and Cap. *Schey* who was at firſt ſomewhat behinde, was now come up, but Cap. *Verſchuer* was ſtill neareſt to the enemy, and plied them warmly, whileſt the enemies Admiral, who was the beſt ſailer, kept hindmoſt, and returned his ſhot very ſmartly, but little hurt was done on either ſide. At Noon the Dutch diſcovered the Coaſt of *Barbary*, between *Larache* and *Arzilla* to the S. E. and by S. of them, and gueſt it to be about three miles diſtance from them. The *Turks* kept cloſe under the ſhoar, the Dutch following them with a good gale at South Weſt: The Dutch being about *Arzilla*, diſcovered a Squadron of Five Engliſh ſhips, which proved to be Captain *Beach* in the *Hampſhire*, with the *Portſmouth*, *Foreſight*, *Jerſey*, and *Centurion*, who being under the ſhoar, came plying up cloſe by the Wind, and upon a ſignal made by the Dutch Admiral, beſet the enemy on the other ſide.

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The *Turks* then finding themſelves thus dangerouſly encloſed, reſolved to uſe their utmoſt endeavors with all their ſail (about half an hour after Sun-ſet) to break through the Engliſh into the *Streights*; but in this attempt they were bravely entertained for ſome hours, and found themſelves fruſtrated in their hopes, their Rigging and Sails being much torn in the fight, which was made with ſo little damage to the Engliſh, that not one man was killed on board them: whilſt the Admiral and Vice-Admiral, with one other of the *Turks*, with more obſtinacy continued the fight, their Rere-Admiral, and the two other ſhips, endeavored to have made their eſcape by the Dutch in the dark; but being there likewiſe prevented by the warm ſalutes they met with on all ſides, about midnight, they were conſtrained to run their ſhips on ſhoar with a high water near the *Cape*, of which, an Engliſh ſlave, who came ſwimming to the Dutch Admiral brought the firſt advice; Whereupon the ſaid Admiral preſently chopt to an Anchor in ſixteen fathom water, right over againſt them, commanding one of his ſhips which was a little behinde him,

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to come and lie by him; ordering the two others who were Southwards of the enemy, if poſſible, to keep under ſail, or elſe to come up there to an Anchor, to the end, the enemy might not eſcape on that ſide.

In the mean time Captain *Beach* his Squadron being in ſhallow water, and on a Lee ſhoar, fearing to go near the Land in the night, reſolved to remain in the ſtation he was in, until morning, moſt of his ſhips keeping under ſail, leaſt any of the *Turks* might not be ſtranded, and ſo endeavor to get away; but the enemies ſhips being faſt, their men got away to ſave themſelves as well as they could on ſhoar, having firſt ſet fire to two of their ſhips, and would have done the like to the reſt, but that the *Chriſtians* who were on board the other four, turned the Guns againſt them, and ſo preſerved themſelves and ſhips till morning.

During that night, Captain *Beach* ſent his Chaloup to the Dutch Admiral to compliment him, and to tell him, that he would ſufficiently watch the enemy to the Northwards, deſiring he would take the like to obſerve them to the Southwards. The Dutch

Admiral as civilly returned the Compliment by his own Chaloup, acquainting Captain *Beach* with the Orders he had already given for that purpoſe, and that he would be ready at break of day to attack the enemy with his ſmalleſt and lighteſt ſhips, or elſe to man out his Boats and Chaloups, in which he deſired they might act joyntly, and in the mean time obſerving that the *Turks* Admiral was not on ground, their Officers being (as it was afterwards found) called on board her to a Council of War, one of the Dutch ſhips, which lay next her in twelve fathom water, plied her ſo cloſe, that ſhe was forced to get nearer in to the ſhoar, and ſo was at laſt alſo on ground. The Engliſh who kept the whole night under ſail, found themſelves in the morning by the current, and the Wind faln ſomewhat off to the Northwards; but immediately Captain *Beach* manning out his Boats, fell upon two of the *Turks*, and burnt them, whereof one proved the Vice Admiral, in which they got the Flag, ſome Cloaths, and a good number of Slaves; the Dutch at the ſame time coming up with their Boats, burnt the other two.

A while after the Dutch Admiral put out his white Flag, giving order that the Engliſh Slaves ſhould be ſent to the Engliſh Commander, which civility was immediately returned by him, he ſending his Boat aboard the Dutch Admiral with 16 Dutch ſlaves, and acquainting him, that he was going to his Admiral, who lay in the Bay of *Gibralter*; whereupon the Dutch Admiral immediately ſent a Captain with twenty Engliſh more on board him, to thank him and the reſt of the Captains of his Squadron for their brave aſſiſtance in this Rencounter, aſſuring them he would make a true report thereof, both to his Maſters, and to Sir *Thomas Allen* their Admiral.

After ſeveral other Enter-changes of civilities, on the $\frac{19}{29}$. the Dutch Admiral ſent one of his Captains with a Preſent of the Remainder of the Engliſh ſlaves to Captain *Beach*, who by the current of the ſtream was now fallen far into the narrow.

Thoſe ſix ſhips are found by the information of the Chriſtians that were taken, to have been the very beſt ſhips of *Algier*, and were the ſame that were lately ſo bravely engaged

by the *Advice* and *Guernſey*, and heretofore by Rear-Admiral *Kempthorne* : and which the laſt year did the miſchief to our *Newfoundland* Fleet. Four of them alſo were they that put the *Saphire* on ſhore, and are generally ſaid to import them more then twice the number of any other ſhips they have. The ſhore was covered with Moors, both horſe and foot, to behold this action, who were now and then ſaluted with a Gun from the ſhips, which they returned as they could upon the Boats.

There were taken from on board the Turks ſhips 250 Chriſtians of ſeveral Nations, whereof 62 Engliſh. Many of the Turks were ſlain in the Engagement, and more drowned in their endeavors to eſcape to land, and 'tis thought very few will arrive home through ſo vaſt and barbarous a Country of their Enemies, through which they are to paſs.

In the mean while Sir *Thomas Allen* with his Squadron, being on the Coaſt of *Barbary*, on the 17*th* inſtant in the morning, ſaw two ſhips cloſe to the ſhoar, and with the wind at South-Eaſt purſued them, they ſteering to the

the Weſtwards; the Chace was ſo fair upon them, that if the wind had ſtood, they muſt inevitably have been taken or put on ſhoar; but it ſhifting ſtrangely, came ſo far about to the Weſtward, and a freſh Gale withall, that the Turks weathered him above a league, and one of them called the *Guilt Roſe*, ſpared all his ſmall ſayls; but in the afternoon Sir *Thomas Allen* got again ſo near them, that he forced them to part; the beſt Sayler having got out a head of him put away to leeward, which the other could not do, Sr *Thomas* keeping him upon his Weather-bow; and if the wind had ſtood, had either taken him, or forced him to run on ſhoar about *Velez Malaga*; but it fell calm, and all hands were ſet on work to rowing, which labor was chearfully continued till the next morning, and then the Turks got a Breez, with which he weathered Captain *Berry*, who had him near enough to fire ſeveral Guns unto him; but at the laſt, after ſeveral times hoping and deſpairing, he got a Gale before the *Nonſuch*, and went away, the Chace being afterwards with a Weſterly wind continued till night, but to no purpoſe.

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The 20*th* in the morning Sir *Thomas* chaced 3 Bregantines, 2 of them of *Tetuan*, and one of *Algiers*, and took one of those of *Tetuan*, which was happily shot under water by a Gun that was shot at her. In her he found 22 persons with her Patron *Bondati Alli*, lately Captain of an *Algier* Man of War of four and twenty Guns, which was lost by storm in *Tetuan* Bay. The *Algier* Bregantine bore away to Leeward within half Musket shot of the *Nonsuch*, and endured near an hundred Guns from that ship and the *Bristol*, with Partridge and all their small shot, all which would not stop her, but she got away.

Since this Sir *Thomas* hath been in *Malaga* Road, and on the 5*th* of *September* sailed thence with the *Bristol*, *Nonsuch*, and a Fireship for the *Levant*, having ordered Captain *Beach* with his own ship, the *Portsmouth*, and *Centurion* to cruise over to *Tetuan* Bay along the Coast of *Barbary*, and to meet him about *Algier*.

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The Liſt of the Algier *Men of War, which were put on Shoar and burnt near* Cape Spartel.

		Guns.	Men.
1.	The *Flower-Pot*, Admiral	44	400
2.	The *Tygar*, Vice-Admiral	44	400
3.	The *Leopard*, Rere-Admiral	44	380
4.	The *Date-Tree*	40	360
5.	The *Shepherdeſs*	38	340
6.	The *Golden Roſe*	38	330

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